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removing the business cards from the liner sheet after the printing operation to form individual printed business cards.

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, claims 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-266, 269-283, and 292-304 were allowed. The allowance of these claims is acknowledged with appreciation.

Claims 267, 268, 305 and 306 were rejected as being anticipated by *Klein*. Of these rejected claims, 267 and 268 are independent and claims 305 and 306 are dependent therefrom.

Claims 267 and 268 have been amended so that they both now include the limitation that the through-cut lines that define at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards directly abut one another and share at least a common edge.

This is not shown or suggested by *Klein*.

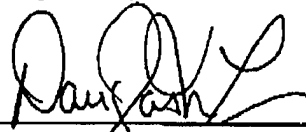
Counsel thanks Examiner Gray for the courtesies extended to him and to his assistant, Mr. Claude Nassif, during their telephone interview with the Examiner today. During that interview, the Examiner agreed that independent claims 267 and 268 as amended above are patentable over *Klein* and the rejections based on *Klein* would be withdrawn. She also agreed that the claims in this method application are not subject to a double patenting rejection over the apparatus claims in the pending sister application.

Marked up versions of amended claims 267 and 268 are attached.

Accordingly, issuance of the Notice of Allowance at an early date is in order and is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone counsel to seek to resolve them.

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Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION MARKED TO REFLECT CHANGES

CHANGES IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 267 and 268 so that they read as follows:

267. A method of forming a business card sheet construction, comprising:
providing a facestock sheet having a front side surface and a back side surface;
releasably adhering a liner sheet to the facestock sheet so that it covers at least substantially the entire back side surface;
forming facestock continuous through-cut lines through the facestock sheet to the back side surface, but not through the liner sheet;
the through-cut lines defining at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards which directly abut one another and share at least a common edge;
the back side surface of the facestock sheet forming back side surfaces of the printable business cards; and
areas of the liner sheet covering back sides of the through-cut lines and thereby holding the printable business cards together when the business card sheet construction is fed into a printer or copier for a printing operation on the front side surface of the business cards and allowing the business cards to be removed from the liner sheet after the printing operation into individual printed business cards.

268. A method of forming business cards, comprising:
providing a facestock sheet having a front side surface and a back side surface;
releasably adhering a liner sheet to the facestock sheet so that it covers at least substantially the entire back side surface;
forming facestock continuous through-cut lines through the facestock sheet to the back side surface, but not through the liner sheet,
the through-cut lines defining at least in part perimeter edges of printable business cards which directly abut one another and share at least a common edge;

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the back side surface of the facestock sheet forming back side surfaces of the printable business cards of a business card sheet construction;

feeding the business card sheet construction into a printer or copier for a printing operation on the front side surface of the business cards, areas of the liner sheet covering back sides of the through-cut lines and thereby holding the printable business cards together during the feeding and the printing operation; and

removing the business cards from the liner sheet after the printing operation to form individual printed business cards.

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